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The Top 10 Jobs That Attract Psychopaths



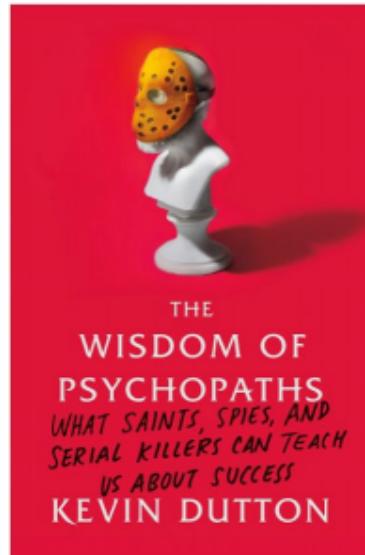
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Everyone I have ever worked with has, at some point, called another colleague or coworker "crazy." But does your job actually attract true psychopaths? In the book *"The Wisdom of Psychopaths: What Saints, Spies, and Serial Killers Can Teach Us About Success,"* Kevin Dutton explains that there are jobs that can attract literal psychopaths - and also jobs that are least likely to do so.

It's important to note that a psychopathic person isn't necessarily one that is set out to kill others (even though you might feel as such on a Wednesday afternoon in the office.) In reality, psychopaths merely - and typically - just lack emotions and empathy, or the ability to identify with others. Dutton has said that "a number of psychopathic attributes [are] actually more common in business leaders than in so-called disturbed criminals — attributes such as superficial charm, egocentricity, persuasiveness, lack of empathy, independence, and focus."



This may explain why many of the jobs attractive to psychopaths - such as CEO's, salespeople and media types - are often found in the tech industry.

So what jobs are most attractive to psychopaths? Here's the list, originally published online by [Eric Barker](#):

1. CEO

2. Lawyer

3. Media (Television/Radio)

4. Salesperson

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5. Surgeon

6. Journalist

7. Police officer

8. Clergy person

9. Chef

10. Civil servant

And for those looking to potentially avoid working with the least number of psychopaths, here's the list of occupations with the lowest rates of psychopathy:

1. Care aide

2. Nurse

3. Therapist

4. Craftsperson

5. Beautician/Stylist

6. Charity worker

7. Teacher

8. Creative artist

9. Doctor

10. Accountant

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